

BURRO CREEK BULLETIN

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Safety is Everyone's First Concern...

The speed limit through the Burro Creek construction site, which includes the existing bridge and 3.8 miles of roadway, is 45 miles per hour seven days a week, twentyfour hours a day.

Fines for moving violations are doubled when workers are present.

Motorists are reminded to watch for designated truck crossings and to be prepared to slow down or stop when directed by flagmen.

The Federal Highway Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Burro Creek's joint venture prime contractors, R.E. Monks Construction, LLC and Traylor, Bros., Inc. urge drivers to obey all posted speed limits when traveling through the Burro Creek construction corridor.

Burro Creek Information Hotline 1-888-887-0565



Temporary Support Beams Successfully Removed Completed Bridge Structure is Self-Supporting

The steel structure of the new Burro Creek Bridge was completed in December. During January, iron workers removed nearly 2,000,000 pounds of temporary beams that were used to support the bridge structure during its construction. The concrete deck (roadway) that will sit on top of the steel plate girders will be completed in March.

The concrete walls of Piers 1, 2 and 3 are being painted to better blend with the natural environment. Foundations have been poured to support the installation of speed limit and other signage. The transplantation of salvaged cacti is nearing completion. Guard rail installation continues.



Steel plate girders extend 400 feet above the Burro Creek Canyon floor.

Who are the burros who call Burro Creek home?

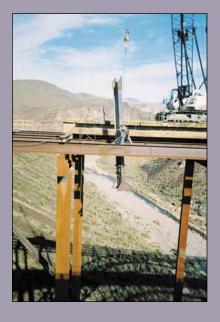
The wild burros that live in the Upper Burro Creek Wilderness are found in every North American desert. They were first brought to the Sonoran Desert in the 1500s by the Spaniards.

Female burros give birth to one colt each year. The typical burro grows to a height of five feet at the shoulder. They weigh, on average, 350 pounds.

Burros are hardy, sure-footed pack animals that can locate food in desolate terrain and can haul heavy loads for lengthy periods of time in hot temperatures. They have no known predators or common diseases. The majority of colts grow to adulthood, often living 25 years.

Originally from Africa, burros can survive water losses equal to thirty percent of their body weight. They eat a wide range of grasses and plants.

It is estimated that 20,000 burros inhabit America's deserts. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages approximately 40,000 wild horses and burros under the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971.





A crane removes one of the temporary steel beams that were used to support the bridge structure during construction.

"False Work" Removal Completed

uring construction, several dozen custom-made, temporary steel beams were used to support the bridge structure during its assembly. These temporary support beams are called False Work. They were removed, one beam at a time over a period of three weeks, when the bridge structure was completed and capable of standing on its own.

Guard Rail Installation is Nearly Complete

A pproximately 9,000 linear feet of guard rail has been installed along the divided highway leading to and from the new and existing Burro Creek bridges. Final guard rail installation will be completed in April when the new approaches to both bridges are paved with asphaltic concrete. This will occur before traffic is re-routed from the existing temporary roadway to the new divided highway.



Newly paved roadway prior to the installation of guard rail.



The location of each guard rail post is marked with white paint.



Holes are bored for each post.



A pile driver is used to install individual posts.



Wooden posts prior in the installation of metal railing.



Completed guard rail.

For More Information . .

The Kingman District Office of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) publishes the US 93 Times. To be added to the mailing list for that publication, or for more information about US 93 Corridor improvements, call 1-888-887-0565 or visit the US 93 Corridor website at www.us93corridor.com.

For more information about other ADOT improvement projects across Arizona, visit the ADOT website at www.azdot.gov, call ADOT's Travel Information Hotline at 1-888-411-7623, or just dial 511.



For more information about ADOT projects in northwestern Arizona, contact Mike Kondelis, Kingman District Engineer, at 928-681-6010.

The ADOT Kingman District Office is located at 3660 East Andy Devine, Kingman, AZ 86401. During all Arizona Department of Transportation construction projects, every effort is made to minimize the impact on the traveling public. Motorists are asked to obey all posted speed limits and traffic control signage within the construction areas and watch for construction personnel, vehicles and equipment. ADOT appreciates your patience while improving the US 93 Corridor and building other state and federal highways across Arizona.



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